

## Message Text

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DEPT PASS SECDEF FOR JCS, OJCS AND CNO

DEPT FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O.11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MPOL, PGOV, PLOS, IR  
SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA MILITARY EXEMPTION AND IRAN

REF: OJCS/DJS 08589 JUL 77

1. MFA LEGAL ADVISOR KAZIMI HAS CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION A MEMORANDUM DATED JULY 24 WRITTEN BY ARMISH/MAAG REAR ADMIRAL CONOLLY TO IIN CHIEF HABIBOLLAHI IN WHICH IT WAS STATED THAT KAZIMI HAD TAKEN A POSITION (ON INSTRUCTION) WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO OURS WITH RESPECT TO THE LOS NEGOTIATING TEXT OF ARTICLE 18.ID. THIS MEMORANDUM WAS BASED ON REFTEL WHICH SUGGESTS THAT ADMIRAL CONOLLY TAKE THE SUBJECT UP WITH HIS IRANIAN COUNTERPART. KAZIMI SAID THE MEMORANDUM DOES NOT ACCURATELY PORTRAY HIS OR THE GOI'S POSITION, THAT HE HAS NEVER DISCUSSED THIS PARTICULAR POINT WITH U.S. LOS NEGOTIATORS AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN PART OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS. FURTHER, HE SAID, HE FAVORED THE CONCEPT OF EXEMPTION OF WARSHIPS OR SHIPS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE STATE FROM THE COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROVISION OF THE DRAFT LOS. HE ALSO

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FAVORED EXEMPTION OF MARITIME TERRITORY DISPUTES.

2. QUITE APART FROM THE APPARENT DIFFERENCE ON SUBSTANCE I AM SERIOUSLY DISTURBED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE OJCS HAS INSTRUCTED A MEMBER OF MY MISSION TO UNDERTAKE REPRESENTATION TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE GOI ON A MATTER WHICH IS NOT WITHIN HIS MANDATE. THIS ACTION IS A VIOLATION OF MY AUTHORITY AND

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES CONCERNING MY RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR  
RELATIONS WITH IRAN. IT APPEARS ALSO TO HAVE OCCURED WITHOUT  
THE KNOWLEDGE OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON OR OTHER APPROPRIATE  
OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. I WISH TO BE ASSURED THAT  
THIS WILL NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.  
SULLIVAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECDEF.

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